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For: VPN COMPOSING METHOD, INTERWORK ROUTER,  
PACKET COMMUNICATION METHOD, DATA  
COMMUNICATION APPARATUS, AND PACKET RELAYING  
APPARATUS

Group: 2616

Examiner: D. Levitan

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL - EXPEDITED**  
**PROCEDURE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The present Amendment has pending claims 2-19 and 21-23.

Claims 2-19 and 21-23 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over McCloghrie (U.S. Patent No. 6,035,105) in view of Chen (U.S. Patent No. 6,392,997). This rejection is traversed for the following reasons. Applicants submit that the features of the present invention as now more clearly recited in claims 2-19 and 21-23 are not taught or suggested by McCloghrie or Chen whether taken individually or in combination with each other as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Amendments were made to claims 2-19 and 21-23 to more clearly describe features of the present invention not taught or suggested by any of